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SANDJAK MINE TO BE MECHANIZED;
NEW COAL MINE OPENED AT TUZLA

THERMAL PLANT TO SUPPLY POWER -- Politika, No 13372, 19 Oct 49

The large thermal power plant at Plevlje in the Montenegrin Sandjak, scheduled to be finished by the end of 1949, will supply enough power for the complete mechanization of the Plevlje coal mine. The power plant itself will burn more coal than the mine has produced in the past, but mechanization will greatly increase production at the time.

Until the railroad line is built, semicoking of coal will be carried on there, and several furnaces are to be built for this purpose. The coal is of good quality and relatively high caloric power, and tests have shown that it is satisfactory for semicoking. Semicoke will be much easier to ship, and can be used in small foundries as a substitute for the coke which thus far has had to be imported.

Working the coal will be much easier and cheaper when all the coal can be dug from surface mines. The present two cuts contain seams covered with 4 to 6 meters of earth.

Excavators and bulldozers will be used next year.

TO PROVIDE FUEL FOR HOME USE -- Borba, No 248, 18 Oct 49

Volunteers from the People's Front in Crvene Njive have opened a new coal mine in the Tuzla coal field, to supply fuel for use in homes. The coal lies 2 to 3 meters under the surface at that point. In spite of a shortage of tools and transport facilities, four more pits will be opened soon at the new mine.

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